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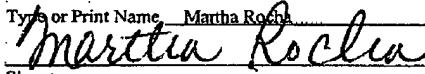
In re Application of: Kamakshi Sridhar et al.: By the Examiner: Xavier S. Wong
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 Title: DISTANCE-SENSITIVE SCHEDULING OF TDM-OVER-PACKET TRAFFIC IN
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is an RCE responding to the Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief mailed on December 28, 2007 and the Final Office Action mailed October 17, 2007 by the United States Patent And Trademark Office (the Office). A response and amendment to the Final Office Action mailed October 17, 2007 was previously mailed on December 11, 2007, and the remarks and amendments contained therein are reiterated herein. The Applicants request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the remarks and amendments presented herein.

Amendment of the Claims begin on page 2 of this correspondence;

Remarks begin on page 10 of this correspondence; and

Conclusions begin on page 14 of this correspondence.

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